
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor • Los Angeles CA 90005-4001

FINAL

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, May 4, 2006

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room

155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kafi Battersby*	Richard Browne*
Scott Campbell	David Giugni*
Michael Green	Philip Hendricks
Jeffrey King	Lori Laubacher*
Miguel Martinez	Dani Mejia
Veronica Morales	Vicky Ortega
Daniel Rivas	Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes	Terry Smith
Enrique Topete	Kathy Watt
Tim Young	

ABSENT

J. Russell Kieffer
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* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Chi-Wai Au	Elizabeth Escobedo	Felicia Lacy	John Mesta
True Pawluk	Mario Pérez	David Pieribone	Jane Rohde

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:15 PM and a quorum was present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION - "HIV/STD Risk Behaviors in Methamphetamine User Networks: Project F.L.O.W. Overview"

Dr. Rosemary Veniegas, UCLA Center for HIV Identification Prevention and Treatment Services, introduced Dr. Sherry Larkins, Project Director for "Sexual Acquisition and Transmission of HIV Cooperative Agreement Program (SATH-CAP), known as "Project F.L.O.W." and Christopher Hucks-Ortiz, MPH, Study Coordinator at the Project F.L.O.W. site. Together, Dr. Larkins and Mr. Hucks-Ortiz discussed some of their preliminary data from the study and their processes for community-based research in a cross-site survey.

Using respondent-driven sampling (RDS), individuals were recruited from a "core group" of men who have sex with men (MSM) and/or drug users (DUs) in Los Angeles. From this core group, their sex partners were recruited, as well as the sex partners of their sex partners.

Between August 2005 and March 2006, RDS were used to recruit 404 individuals who were MSM and/or DUs (used methamphetamine, cocaine and/or heroin) in Los Angeles or their sex partners. All subjects provided informed consent, an anonymous interview, a urine sample for STD testing (Gonorrhea and Chlamydia) and a venous blood sample for confirmatory HIV testing & Syphilis (RPR). Males were also asked to provide rectal mucosal samples for rectal Gonorrhea.

The estimated population prevalence of HIV was significantly higher than previous reports however lower estimates were obtained when over sampling of MSM/DU was accounted for, demonstrating the sensitivity of RDS-based estimates to how personal networks are samples.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled “HIV/STD Risk Behaviors in Methamphetamine User Networks: Project F.L.O.W. Overview” is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion #1: The DRAFT May 4, 2006 PPC Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF April 6, 2006 MEETING SUMMARY

Motion #2: The DRAFT April 6, 2006 PPC Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus without correction.

V. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIR REPORT

Sophia Rumanes reported she, John Mesta, Kathy Watt, Ricki Rosales and Mario Pérez attended the Spring, 2006 Urban Coalition for HIV Prevention Services (UCHAPS) Meeting in Washington, DC. The seven (7) jurisdictions in UCHAPS account for over one-third of the HIV epidemic in the country. A meeting was held with the UCHAPS delegation and the following: Chris Bates, U.S. Department of Human Services (Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention), representatives from Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), and representatives from Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC). The UCHAPS jurisdictions articulated their needs for prevention, the uniqueness of the group, the need to present HIV prevention at more national forums and rapid testing. The Los Angeles County and San Francisco delegates met with California elected officials in the House of Representatives and Senate. A copy of the Speaking Points document was distributed. Some of the points were: HIV Prevention does work, HIV Prevention is more than testing, the health education/risk reduction aspect of prevention is being lost, and support of science based interventions. The California (San Francisco & Los Angeles representatives) UCHAPS delegation attempted to dispel the myth/perception that California is a resource rich State. Actually, per capita, California has fewer resources than some other States (i.e. South Dakota).

Mario Pérez was present and committed to having an increased presence at the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meetings. Additionally, Mr. Pérez welcomed Enrique Topete and Terry Smith to the PPC.

Mario Pérez clarified the role of the PPC as prevention planners in Los Angeles County and explained the difference between advocacy versus education. The Prevention Planning

Committee is an advisory body to the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP). The normal route would be for the PPC to share its perspective with OAPP, OAPP would share its perspective with the Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office (CAO), the CAO would share its perspective with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and then Los Angeles County would take some type of action. Mr. Pérez indicated the 2004-2008 Los Angeles County Prevention Plan is a dynamic document and in the Spring of 2008, the process to revise or reconsider should begin. However, the plan should be reviewed and mid course updates should be made to the 2004-2008 Prevention Plan.

Mr. Pérez commended the PPC for establishing a Public Policy Committee and reminded the group that any statements regarding legislation are to be heard by OAPP.

Mr. Pérez reported Los Angeles County is acting under an expired Ryan White Care Act (expired last Fall). Over the next several years, we are likely to see more aggressive case findings. Mr. Pérez stated the way HIV/AIDS cases are counted is critical to funding for Los Angeles County. The California HIV/AIDS reporting system will not mature for 18 months (beginning April 17th).

Mr. Pérez provided an overview of the severity of need concept, explaining Los Angeles County has an increasing complex epidemic, significant co-morbidities (i.e. syphilis), high level of poverty, high level of uninsured population, homeless, etc.

Lastly, Mr. Pérez discussed the relationship between the formula, the application and the funding.

After Mr. Pérez's discussion, there was a question and answer period.

Mr. Pérez announced he had been offered the position of Director of OAPP and that he had accepted the offer. This will become official following Board of Supervisor approval. Mr. Pérez thanked the PPC and community partners for their support.

VI. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

On behalf of the PPC, Ricki Rosales congratulated Mr. Pérez on his appointment as Director of OAPP and thanked Mr. Pérez for joining the PPC meeting today. Ricki Rosales reported there were discussions at UCHAPS on:

- Names Based HIV Reporting and the transition to Names Based HIV Reporting.
- The Program Evaluation Monitoring System (PEMS). The Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) will have a Round Table/Workshop Discussion at the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS).
- There will be an Evidence Based Decision Making in HIV Prevention Programming Workshop at HPLS on behalf of UCHAPS.
- An all-day institute on UCHAPS and the work being done at United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) on behalf of UCHAPS.

Additionally, Kathy Watt reported there was a 2 ½ hour meeting with representatives from Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and

Health and Human Services regarding collaboration at the UCHAPS meeting. The representatives from the various agencies committed to meet quarterly.

Ricki Rosales indicated there will be a report on the PPC Meeting Structure (i.e. how it's working, if it is working and take a vote whether to continue or not) at next month's meeting.

Ricki Rosales announced flyers and a sign-up sheet are on the back table for the Crystal Meth Training scheduled for May 22, 2006 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at OAPP.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations – The Operations Subcommittee reviewed Daniel Deniz' PPC Membership application and recommended Mr. Deniz to the PPC Executive Subcommittee for approval.

Motion #3: Veronica Morales motioned to recommend Daniel Deniz for PPC Membership. The motion was seconded by Daniel Rivas.

MOTION #3: Recommend Daniel Deniz for HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Membership	Ayes: Battersby, Browne, Campbell, Giugni, Green, Hendricks, King, Laubacher, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Topete, Watt, Young Opposed: None Abstentions: Ortega	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 17 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
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Motion #4: Veronica Morales placed a motion on the floor to revise the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Policies and Procedures to state the PPC Subcommittee Deputy Chair will assume the privileges and responsibilities of the Subcommittee chair in the absence/unavailability of the PPC Subcommittee chair. The motion was seconded by Dani Mejia.

MOTION #4: Revise HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Policies and Procedures to state Subcommittee Deputy Chair will assume responsibilities of Subcommittee Chair in the absence of the PPC Subcommittee Chair	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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Motion #5: Veronica Morales placed a motion on the floor to approve the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Brochure. After discussion, an amended motion was placed on the floor to add two (2) bullet points under Membership (members of the community and members of the business community/business owners).

MOTION #5: Approve HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Brochure	<i>Amended Motion Passed by Consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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Veronica Morales announced the Operations Subcommittee is planning for the Youth Leadership Institute; therefore, the next Operations Subcommittee Meeting will be held at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (building on corner of Alexandra and Sunset) on Tuesday, May 9th from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

- **Evaluation** – Miguel Martinez reported the Evaluation Subcommittee is developing the PPC Audience Survey and anticipate completing the PPC Audience Survey by the next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting on May 15th from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM at OAPP. Additionally, the Evaluation Subcommittee has made two (2) additions to their Work Plan.
- **Standards and Best Practices** - Jeffrey King reported the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee prioritized their Work Plan at the last meeting. Sophia Rumanes thanked community members who have taken on lead roles and accepted tasks under/for the Standards and Best and Practices Subcommittee. Additionally, Ms. Rumanes reported a Counseling and Testing Work Group has been formed as part of the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee. For the past year, the HIV Counseling and Testing Task Force (HCTTF) met infrequently. Since counseling and testing is an integral component of HIV prevention; it was suggested that the Counseling and Testing Work Group meet every two months (independent from the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee) and report back to the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee. John Mesta added that the PPC must make the decision to form and/or develop a Counseling and Testing Work Group. This issue is being forwarded to the PPC Executive Subcommittee for a determination.

VIII. BREAK

IX. LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PROCESS PRESENTATION

Mario Pérez acknowledged the PPC request to OAPP for an overview of the legislative and budget (federal and state level) process. Mr. Pérez expressed regret that the OAPP staff person assigned to present today had a family emergency and is unable to present. Mr. Pérez indicated OAPP staff will provide a Federal Legislative and Federal Budget Overview at a subsequent PPC Meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Alex Lee, APAIT, announced APAIT is hosting an Open House and Press Conference on May 19th acknowledging the Banyan Tree Project. Flyers are available on the back table.

XI. STANDING REPORTS

- **Commission on HIV (COH) Services** – Kathy Watt thanked everyone for supporting the PPC by coming to the last COH meeting. Kathy Watt reported the highlights of the meeting were the COH Priorities and Planning Committee presented the Needs Assessment Conclusion and a representative from the State Office of AIDS announced the Title II Award. Ms. Watt extended an invitation to all to the next COH Meeting scheduled for May 11th.
- **City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office** – Ricki Rosales announced the City of Los Angeles RFP closed on April 21st and the panelist are reviewing all of the

proposals. The City of Los Angeles expects to make a preliminary announcement by Wednesday, May 10th.

Ricki Rosales announced the City of Los Angeles is scheduled to host Harm Reduction Trainings in June, 2006.

- **City of West Hollywood** – David Giugni announced the City of West Hollywood released its Social Services RFP. The RFP is posted on the City of West Hollywood website.

The West Hollywood HIV Providers Collaborative is recognizing June as HIV Prevention Month and is working on providing HIV Testing for 7 days with 24 hours a day HIV Testing from June 5th through June 11th. Club Freedom dance is scheduled for Friday, June 9th from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Flyers are available.

- **Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration** – No report.
- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program** – Lori Laubacher reported for calendar year 2005, STD Programs has identified approximately 1,200 cases of early syphilis with approximately 60% of those cases being infected with HIV. Approximately, 700 additional cases have been identified for calendar year 2005.
- **African American MSM Task Force Update** – Jeffrey King reported the AA MSM Task Force met on April 27, 2006 and requests the review of the AA MSM Task Force Recommendations be placed on the agenda for the next PPC Executive Subcommittee Meeting.
- **Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee** – Daniel Rivas distributed a document listing the legislation the Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee has reviewed. Kathy Watt clarified the role of the Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee by reminding the group, the Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee can not take a position on any piece of legislation; however, the Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee is to educate and advise OAPP of the PPC's recommendation on any or all pieces of proposed legislation.
- **Crystal Meth Task Force Update** – Tim Young reported the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations were submitted to the PPC Executive Subcommittee for review. The PPC Executive Subcommittee reviewed the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations and returned the recommendations to the Crystal Meth Task Force for modifications. The Crystal Meth Task Force is scheduled to meet on May 12, 2006 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon at APAIT to review, discuss and refine the recommendations based on the review of the PPC Executive Subcommittee.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Watt announced the PPC Community Co-Chairs have discussed forwarding PPC Task Force Recommendations to the OAPP Director in an attempt to utilize these documents as addendums to the current Prevention Plan.

- Miguel Martinez announced registration for the HIV Coalition Task Force will be mailed soon.
- Kafi Battersby announced the positions at Reach LA remain open and flyers are on the back table.
- Tim Young announced positions are open at APAIT and flyers are on the back table.
- Tim Young announced May 19th is National Asian Pacific Islander (API) HIV Awareness Day.

- Tim Young thanked Elizabeth Escobedo and Jane Rohde for their tremendous work and assistance with the development of the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations.
- Jeffrey King announced the “In the Meantime” newsletters are available on the back table.
- Vicky Ortega announced the LOTUS Society’s Commencement Ceremony is May 14th.
- Vicky Ortega announced a panel of transgender history is scheduled for May 31st at West Hollywood Park, titled “Still I Rise”.
- Trans-Unity is scheduled for June 2nd, June 3rd and June 4th at the Village from 10:00 AM to Midnight each day.

XIII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Approve the Agenda order.	<i>Amended Agenda Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION # 2: Approve the Meeting Summary from the April 6, 2006 Meeting.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3: Recommend Daniel Deniz for PPC Membership	<i>Passed by Roll Call Vote</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #4: Revise HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Policies and Procedures to include Subcommittee Deputy Chair responsibilities in the absence of the Subcommittee Chair	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #5: Approve HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Brochure	<i>Amended Motion Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.